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## Bill for Back Pay To Agency Employees Goes to White House

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An estimated 40,000 Federal employees whose salaries are fixed by heads of their agencies will be given back



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Morrison Federal pay raise bill, made it effective back to the first pay period in July. Agency heads had no authority to make comparable increases effective retroactively.

Employees in a score of agencies will benefit. The main ones are: Tennessee Val-

ley, 6800; Panama Canal Co., 5000; Selective Service, 4000; Government Printing, 1500, and Census, 700.

Earlier, Civil Service Commission and Budget Bureau had advised Congress there were 138,000 administrative employees who were threatened with the loss of back pay. But AEC, CIA, NSA and others took their cases to the Comptroller General who decided they already had authority to make the raises retroactive for most of their employees. Payments have been made to them.

Scientists in these agencies paid under Public Law 313 and other groups of special workers in them will get retroactive checks as a result of the House action. The bill sent to the President also carries these provisions:

- Makes eligible for Federal employe health and life insurance temporary District school teachers with at least two years of service.

- Empowers the Panama Canal Co. to fix salaries of its vice president, comptroller and secretary above the top classified rate of \$24,500.

- Gives the President authority to place the jobs of several United States attorneys and key personnel in NSA in executive schedule positions that pay \$26,000 to \$30,000.